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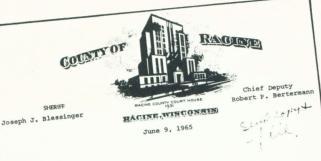
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## CITIZENS SAY

"Thank You"

Officer William Thomas, 20th District



Mr. O. W. Wilson Mr. O. W. Wilson superintendent police Department 11th and State Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Superintendent Wilson:

On behalf of Sheriff Joseph Blessinger and the Department, we wish to thank Director Robert E. Mc Cann and his staff of the Police Academy for their splendid cooperation in supplying training films from your library for our Spring, 1965 recruit training films from your library for our Spring, 1965 recruit and in-service training schools.

Director Robert E. McCann and staff, Training Division

Sincerely yours, JOSEPH J. BLESSINGER, SHERIFF

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Officers James Gillen and Vincent Solideo. Task Force, Administration

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Elm Rurst, Illinois June 10, 1965

June 9, 1965

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connection with the theft of my automobile.

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During the past several years I have had numerous found them wanting, Kindly keep up the good work.

Superintenda & Oilardo Wilson Chicago Police Repaitment Itha and State Streets Chicago, Silinois.

Dear Superintendant Wilson:

On June 8, 1965, I was ticketed

by Officer Esposito, slav number 5325, for a traffic violation. His

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Yours very truly,

Commissioner O. W. Wilson Chicago Police Department 1121 South State Street Chicago, Illinois Dear Commissioner Wilson:

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Richard J. Daley Mayor

O. W. Wilson Superintendent of Police

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### SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEPARTMENT



POLICE TEACH SAFE RIDING

During the summer months, hundreds of Chicago's boys and girls have been learning the rules and regulations of safe bicycle-riding.

The Bicycle Safety Program is sponsored by the Park District in cooperation with the Traffic Division's Safety Education Section and several other civic and private organizations. Youngsters from 9 to 14 years of age are participating at more than 200 parks throughout the city.

"The program is a challenge to the kids," said Officer Alfred Rios of the Safety Education Section. "They take pride in their awards and riding skill."

Members of the 10-man Education Section, with the help of district officers, check bicycle registration at the parks and then administer a thorough safety check of the bicycles themselves. The boys and girls are then given a written exam testing their knowledge of riding laws: where they are permitted to ride, how old they must be, the amount of safety equipment required, etc.

Finally, a "road" test on a painted concrete course must be passed. Officers check for the rider's over-all control of the bicycle as well as his or her use of hand signals, turning and braking.

The rider is then awarded a certificate of completion by the Department, given a safety pin by a bicycle company, and receives red and white reflector tags for the bicycle.

The Safety Program, which has operated for several summers, has received enthusiastic response from both children and parents. Along with raising the number of bicycle registrations, it serves to promote safer riding habits among the city's young bicyclists.



"A judicial system exists not only to exonerate the unjustly accused, but to convict the guilty. The latter, no less than the former, is an important means of protecting the innocent members of society."

From Wall Street Journal editorial, "The Rights of the Guilty," 26 April 1965.



Robert B. Laz has been appointed the Department's Director of Finance, succeeding Frank Leahy, who resigned in April. Laz joined the Department on 24 May 1964 as a Senior Budget Analyst. In December of that year, he was promoted to Supervisor of Payrolls. He has been Acting Director since 5 April. William S. Horne has been named the new Supervisor of Payrolls.

Traffic Men of the Month



Officers Babusch and Zahrenhusen receive awards from John I. Tucker of the Traffic Safety board. Supt. Wilson and 7th District Sgt. Ronald McFarlane (far right) look on.

Two officers of the 7th District, Officer John Babusch, ★9041, and Officer Gordon Zahrenhusen, ★9570, have been named Traffic men of the Month for May.

Officer Babusch and Zahrenhusen saw a car which had run a red light and pursued. The driver jumped from the car while it was still in motion and the car struck a parked vehicle and stopped. The officers chased the man into an alley and arrested him.

As they were taking the prisoner back to the squad car, a delivery truck drove up and the driver told the officers he had just seen the man they had in custody and a companion rob an elderly woman and knock her to the ground. The companion fled on foot.

The arrested man was charged with strong-armed robbery and several traffic violations. He later identified his accomplice who was arrested the same day.

# BOX SCORE IN THE CAPITOL



The swearing in of state legislators.

—a review of some of the bills passed in Springfield that affect the police and their work

THE GAVEL HAS BANGED adjournment of the 74th Biennial Session of the Illinois State Legislature. Members have packed up and gone home, and the Session fades into history.

But the effects of its actions have not. They have already begun to have an affect on the Police Department and its work. The Department had a keen interest in many of the bills; many were proposals to provide better and more efficient tools for law enforcement. The Chicago Crime Commission's sponsorship of its "Twelve Point Legislative Program for Illinois," which the Department endorsed, was just part of the parcel of bills dealing with the police and law enforcement, directly or indirectly.

Because of the importance of many of these bills, we are presenting a two-part series — a "box score" of those rejected and those passed — along with a brief synopsis of each major bill. This first article will deal only with major crime legislation which passed the Legislature and has been approved by the Governor. The second article will take up the remainder of the bills which have become

law. It will also briefly recapitulate some major proposals which were rejected.

#### Gambling:

Several bills deal directly with gambling. One of these is based on recent New York legislation which has been effective in dealing with organized crime. It provides for a maximum penalty of five years in prison for persons convicted of organized gambling, and a \$5,000 fine for persons convicted of operating a "policy game" or engaging in large-scale bookmaking to the extent of accepting at least five bets for a total of more than \$2,000. Formerly, the maximum sentence for any gambling offense was one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Also passed was a bill which authorizes the use of circumstantial evidence in getting convictions on gambling. Another now makes it illegal for any person to knowingly have in his possession any gambling records.

A fourth bill aimed at organized crime provides for fines and imprisonment for persons who knowingly allow a building to be used for certain offenses, including gambling.

New legislation requires that a purchaser of a federal gambling stamp register immediately with the county clerk, who notifies all local law enforcement officials, particularly the chief of police of the municipality.

#### Criminally Operated Businesses:

Infiltration and control of legitimate businesses by criminals presents a serious problem for law enforcement officials. Under a new law, action can now be brought by the state's attorney, and a court can, through injunction proceedings, prohibit the continued operation of the business if it finds that:

An owner, partner, director, officer, employee, agent or stock-holder or any person who, in fact, exercises control over the operation of the business, has, in conducting the affairs of the business, purposely engaged in a persistent course of criminal conduct.

#### Suppression of Evidence:

A new law inhibits improper suppression of evidence. Whenever a judge rules on a motion to suppress evidence on the ground that it was illegally seized, he must file both written findings of the facts of the case and conclusions, based on law, in support of this order. This will put the reasons for such action on the record, and provide prosecutors, observers, and appellate courts with a chance to measure the judge's ruling against existing law.

#### Organized Crime:

Four new laws strengthen the hand of law enforcement officials against the under-handed methods of operation of syndicated criminals. The section on conspiracy was altered by increasing the imprisonment limit to 10 years (instead of the present 5). The penalty for intimidation went from \$500 to \$5,000 in fines, and to "from one to five years." Two other amendments strengthened the "Article on Judicial Procedure" by including not only jurors, but also witnesses (1) from protection against harrassment. and (2) from undue attempts to influence them.

## Extending the Life of the Grand Jury:

Under previous legislation, the life of a grand jury was limited to a maximum of three months. It was apparent that three months may not be sufficient time to complete a complex investigation. The law has been amended so that the maximum life of the grand jury in Cook County has been extended to 18 months (outside Cook County, the maximum life is 6 months).

Because of the need to have more than one investigation proceeding at the same time, the bill also provides that up to six grand juries may sit at one time. Previously, only one could sit at a time.

#### Traffic Law Amendments:

The Uniform Act Regulating Traffic was amended to provide that local authorities could prohibit U-turns, jay-walking and parking during snow removal operations without posting signs.

N THE WHOLE, the Department scored well on major bills aimed at organized crime. Only two failed to pass. These and other major bills of interest to the Department will be summarized in next month's *Star*.

In Superintendent Wilson's words, "The enactment of these laws is a step toward providing police and other law enforcement officials with the necessary tools to combat organized crime."



A painting of the State Capitol as it looked in 1936. Just as the building itself has been modernized, so must legislation be modernized to effectively fight organized crime.

Weary legislators trudge from the Capitol after adjournment.



Photo by Chicago's American

E "die" in Chicago. No one knows the exact number. Many find their way to private auto graveyards. But an astonishing number are simply left to an inglorious death on city streets.

The abandoned autos are not only an eyesore, but more important from the Police Department's viewpoint, a traffic hazard. One of the Department's main responsibilities is to keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently. That's a big enough job as it is. By the 1950s, it was becoming increasingly difficult by literally thousands of abandoned cars clogging the public ways.

Come a problem, the Illinois State Vehicle Law, passed in 1929, charged the "municipal officer" with this responsibility. By authority of the *Municipal Code of Chicago*, the "municipal officer" is the Police Department.

Prior to September, 1960, the abandoned auto program was the responsibility of the old Detective Bureau's Stolen Auto section. But this section had more pressing responsibilites. And as the number of cars sold throughout the country increased, so did the number of abandoned autos. In 1959, the Department towed only 1,706 abandoned cars from the streets. In some communities, that might seem like a fantastic number. In Chicago, it did not even scratch the surface.

In 1960, therefore, the Automotive Pounds section was created and given the responsibility for towing, custody and disposal of all cars that came into possession of the Police Department.

Today, the section consists of 81 officers—the lieutenant in charge, 7 detectives, 7 sergeants, 66 patrolmen, and 18 civilians. It operates five Auto Pounds, with a total capacity of 5,595 cars. It also has one auxiliary pound for use when the others are full.

Along with the new section came some revamping of cumbersome, outmoded procedures.

Perhaps the two key changes were in towing and disposal. Before April, 1960, there were only two city-owned tow trucks. Even when both were operating—which wasn't often because of frequent breakdowns—they were totally inadequate to do the job. The major change here was to switch to contracting with private towing companies.

These companies compete on a bid basis, with lowest bidders getting the contract. At times, there are as many as 36 trucks operating when demand is high. When demand is low, the number is decreased. If the city were to own these trucks, many would be idle a good portion of the year.

Another major change was in the method of disposal of the cars. By state law, the only way to dispose of the cars, other than return to owners, was by public auction. Thus, a virtual junk valued at \$5 had to be sold through the complicated procedure of public auction.

The state law was amended in June, 1961, to permit cars valued below \$100 to be sold by competitive bids on a junk weight basis to licensed junk dealers. The change permitted a much faster, more efficient and cheaper method of disposing of abandoned cars.

A BANDONED CARS are brought to the attention of the police through two main sources: the beat officer and citizens.

Primary responsibility for keeping the streets clear of abandoned autos lies with the beat officer. If he sees a car in a complete state of disrepair—missing engine, missing wheels, 1964 license plates—he writes up a Tow Case report right there. The car can be towed almost immediately.

However, if the car appears to be driveable, although in a state of deterioration, the officer writes a Tow Case report but puts a sticker on the windshield, warning the owner that he must move the car within seven days or it will be towed. He checks it seven days later, and if the car is still there, it is reasonable to believe the car is abandoned.

When citizens call or write to the Department about an abandoned car, a communication form is sent to the watch commander in that district. Then a beat man checks the car, following the same procedures as above.

When enough Tow Case reports of abandoned autos come in from a district, the cars in that district are towed. Normally, three districts are towed at a time by three units of trucks.

The exception to this is what is known as the "immediate" abandoned tow. These are abandoned cars the officer determines are a hazard—a traffic hazard, or perhaps a hazard to children who find it a tempting "playground"





and could get hurt or cut on broken glass. Then the officer calls the Communications Center, gives the location and description of the car and the reason he wants it towed immediately. Then city-owned trucks, operated by the Department of Streets and Sanitation, which shares the responsibility for keeping the streets clear, are immediately sent to tow the car.

Other "immediates" include stolen cars, cars which are the property of a prisoner, and, under some circumstances, cars involved in accidents.

THE NUMBER OF CARS towed every day depends on the season. Since more cars break down in the winter, the peak season is between December and June. At times, as many as three fleets of 12 trucks each may be in service, towing from 125 to 135 abandoned autos a day. In addition, there may be as many as 100 to 120 "immediates" towed by city trucks.

The total number of cars towed last year was 22,000 abandoneds, plus 33,-000 immediates.

A FTER THE CAR has been towed, it is thoroughly inventoried to make sure any items on or in the car when towed are still there when it reaches the pound. Unless this precaution is taken, the Department could be subject to criticism if the owner appeared to pick up certain items and found them missing.

After it has been inventoried an attempt is made to find the owner and notify him by certified letter that the Department has his car. This must be done within 15 days after taking possession of the car. The owner then has 30 days in which to claim his property. If there are no license plates or other identification, it must be traced by serial number through the Secretary of State's office.

This check of ownership results in a startling side-benefit. The Auto Pounds section is responsible for the recovery of about 2,000 stolen autos a year.

Very few abandoned cars are ever claimed by the owner. In the rare cases when he does, he is charged \$10 for the tow and \$1 a day storage. This is the *only* case in which a person must pay a charge to recover his property from the Police Department.

The unclaimed cars are sold on a contract basis by category. All 1957 model cars and older are automatically appraised at less than \$100 and sold to licensed automobile wreckers on a junk weight contract. These bids are let by the City Purchasing Agent; the lowest bidder gets the contract.

1958 and 1959 model cars are sold per each, but also on a contract basis. 1960 and newer models are automatically appraised at over \$100 and therefore, according to state law, must be sold through public auction.

All cars are sold for junking purposes only. They are never to go on the street again. It is possible some of the cars could be renewed and sold again. To prevent this, the Auto Pounds section, after a sale or auction, applies to the State of Illinois for "junking titles" on each of the cars contained in that sale. Thus, should a firm ever try to resell one of these cars, a "stop" is put on it at Springfield.

The Auto Pounds section tries to balance the number of cars coming in with those being removed. Sales of the cars sold on a contract basis are held every day; the number sold runs between 100 to 150 cars each day.

The newer model cars, sold by auction by individual car, are sold only when enough of them have been accumulated in a pound. Only about 500 of these cars are sold a year.

The money from storage and towing fees alone came to over half a million dollars last year. All revenue goes back to the city.

T's A BIG BUSINESS, says Lieutenant Raymond McCann, who has been head of the Auto Pounds section since January, 1963. And a vital one that has proven its worth.

Chicago's solution to the problem of the abandoned autos has been so successful, says Lieutenant McCann, that inquiries are received about it from all over the country. About 20 of the country's largest cities, and numerous smaller cities and suburbs, have requested information. "We often have people from other police departments sitting in here for a week to learn all about our procedures," says Lieutenant McCann.

Imitation, it has been said, is the sincerest form of flattery. But the Department's record in keeping the streets clear of abandoned autos needs no flattery. It stands on its own merits.



### SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEPARTMENT

#### A FOREIGN FLAVOR

I have recently come over from England and before I left home was advised that there is a lady in Chicago who loves to meet people from Torquay. This lady is married to a member of your police force, and she originates from Torquay, Devon, England. I'm afraid these are the sole details I know, not even her surname. If from these details you are able to locate the lady in question perhaps you would be kind enough to give her my name and address so that she may contact me if she wishes . . .

Yours sincerely, Dinah K. Roberts (Miss)

This letter was received in the office of the Superintendent on 10 July 1965. If the officer in question wishes to contact Miss Roberts, her address is 666 E. Woodland Rd., Lake Forest, III., 60045. "Three policemen from Old Europe, one from Belgium, one from Monaco, and a Frenchman, collectors of police badges, regimentals (arm patches) and photographs, are looking for American colleagues wishing to exchange with them."

This note was received by the Police Department. If you wish to exchange or collect international police items and information, write to:

Monsieur Fernand Malaine, Agent de Police, 77 rue du Wainage Farciennes

// rue du Wainage Farciennes Province du Hairaut (Belgium) or Monsieur le Brigadier-Chef Joseph Rollero

Surete Publique de Monaco (Principality of Monaco) or Monsieur Claude Paris, gardien de la Paix, 247 rue Marcadet, Paris 18e, Seine, France

## CAN YOU YOUR CAR?

SPEED	velocity (feet per second)	driver reaction distance	vehicle stopping distance	TOTAL STOPPING DISTANCE
10 mph	15'	11'	6'	17'
15	22'	17'	14'	31'
20	29'	22'	25'	47'
25	37'	28'	39'	67'
30	44'	33'	55'	88'
35	51'	39'	78'	117'
40	59'	44'	105'	149'
45	66'	50'	136'	186'
50	73'	55'	188'	243'
55	81'	61'	230'	291'
60	88'	66'	300'	366'
65	95'	72'	380'	452'
70	103'	77'	455'	532'

Perception time figures in many emergencies. Multiply the velocity in feet per second by the number of seconds it takes to perceive the danger, and add this to the total stopping distance.

Driver reaction distance is based on a reaction time of 3½ second, a typical reaction for most drivers under most conditions.

Vehicle stopping distance is based on provisions of the Uniform Vehicle Code for 20 mph, adjusted when necessary at higher speeds to conform with studies of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Superintendent O. W. Wilson will be featured on WBKB-TV's "Persons, Places and Things," Sunday, 22 August at 11:30 a.m. The Superintendent will discuss the topic, "Law and the Police Officer."

#### Hitting the Books Pays Off -



Seven officers recently completed a 33-semester hour, non-credit course in police science at the University of Illinois. Above, displaying their certificates of completion are (l. to r.): Sgt. William F. Smith, D.D.A. 5, Robbery; Ptlmn. Joseph J. Klak, 11th District; Det. George J. Coleman, D.D.A. 4, Robbery; Det. Louis Clepp, D.D.A. 5, Homicide/Sex; Sgt. John J. Cleary, Crime Lab; Ptlmn. Alfred J. Leisz, Task Force, Evidence Technician; and Det. James L. Brodie, D.D.A. 4, Robbery. The course takes up to four years to complete, but all the officers finished it in two or three years, in their spare time.

#### New Course Offered in Fall—Register Now.

School starts again in September, and all Department personnel, sworn or civilian, are eligible to enroll in the varied courses offered by the Training Division.

Completed applications for the fall semester must be returned to the Training Division, Extension Unit, before 23 August. Extension courses are being offered for three semesters—fall, winter and spring—with a total of four individual courses per semester. No more than two courses can be taken at one time.

A new course—"Supervision"—will be offered during the

fall semester, 7 September to 15 November. The course will act as a "refresher" for the more seasoned police supervisor, while at the same time providing valuable background material for those interested in supervisory work in the future.

Three other courses will be available: "Arrest, Search and Seizure"—exploring the various steps a policeman must take in the apprehension and detention of a suspect; "Narcotics,"—covering the elements of narcotics use and control; and "Youth-Law-Police"—giving the officer a greater insight into and understanding of the juvenile problem.



Detective Area #1: Congratulations to Dets. Robert Miller and Robert Savage of General Assignment unit. Their wives presented each of them with a new baby girl: and Herbert Havenfang's wife presented him with a new baby boy. Congratulations also to Det. John Allman on the birth of his new granddaughter . . . Our belated condolences to Det. Robert Barksdale, Homicide/Sex unit, on the death of his mother . . . Welcome back to Sgt. Martin Mullarkey, Auto Theft, who is now off the medical roll. Many thanks to the many blood donors . . . Congratulations to Det. James Grant in catching that 11½ lb. Northern Pike, measuring 39 inches long, which is up for first place in a contest in New London, Wisconsin . . . The new faces on the scene here are Sgt. Ernest Spiotto and Sgt. Donald Pamoa and Det. Gaetano Delisa . . . Congratulations to Dets. James Hogan, Charles Koludrovic and Henry Kaminski, Homicide/ Sex, on their diligent and unending effort in capturing two felons wanted for murders. Keep up the good work . . . Congratulations to Sgt. Robert Leen on his recent marriage . . Fathers Day had a special meaning for Charles McMullen. He received numerous gifts from fellow members in appreciation of the fatherly advice given by him . . . Speedy recovery wishes to Lt. John T. Cartan on his recent illness.

-Det. Stanley Taitt

Detective Area #3: Parting salutations to Al Butvill, upon his retirement 29 June. Everlasting health and prosperity to you, Al . . . Tony Wenskus' and Butvill's sons are following in their dads' foot-steps. They were both appointed cadets 5 July . . . The party honoring **John O'Keefe** and **Ed Cusack's** retirement was a "Gala Affair." Congratulations! Sgt. Patrick McGroarty . . . That new straw hat Petrosius is sporting isn't St. Annes collection basket . . . Faro's recipe for clear-ups is a little spaghetti sauce, seasoned with good common sense, set to 'Echo's from Italy' . . . Wilkosz's wife could be holding out for twins . . . Lorraine's husband is on the mend, and Emil Knez's wife, Mary, is much better . . . Hope to see Coogan hobbling into the Area again soon . . . Ploszaj's son, Ronald, received his degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University. He and his wife, JoAnn, are residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he is launching his career in the Research Department at the Naval Facilities . . . Benoit has a new Ford station wagon, and Griffin is gadding about in that new Ford Galaxie . . .

Bill Tracey's golf game is improving, Benecki had a hole in-one; how about that! . . . Slattery is among the regulars . . . Kehoe's dog Brody is an English-Bull.

-Marie Fallon

Detective Area #6: Burglary: with sadness and silence in our hearts, we whisper a prayer for Louis Christofoli, who died 13 May after a severe heart attack, ending his fine outstanding record of 32 years . . . Det. Jack Muller's family left for their summer home in the Wisconsin area. They will surely enjoy the loveliness of the scenic waters and woodlands! . . . Sgt. Tom Conliss' mother passed away leaving Sgt. Conliss with sadness and grief. Our very deepest regards to his family . . . Auto Theft: 22 June, Det. Voss received an Honorable Mention which resulted from an investigation of one of his cases . . . Senior typist Jeanette Larue joyously marched down the aisle to marry her Sergeant who was in the army with her during the War. Say, Jeanette, we wonder who will give and take the orders when the knot is tied? . . . I leave you with these thoughts in mind: We must

earn the right and learn the meaning of democracy and freedom by working together as a group of Americans whose only aim is peace and harmony.



-Jeanne Faith Kiley

Traffic Headquarters: Did you hear Carl Sonne from Radar was leading the pack to escort Mrs. Humphrey (Vice-President's wife) back to the airport when a car hit his bike? Carl feels pretty good except his foot is giving him a little trouble. Mrs. Humphrey said she would be his star witness . . . Sgt. M. Logan's son received his bachelor of science degree from DePaul University and two weeks later took the big jump to the altar . . . Lt. Colonel Hoppe is on a military furlough; going to straighten out the troubles of the day . . . Good luck, Lt. Fred Pickert, who retired. Looks like he got himself a good job in engineering . . . Chief Doherty is on vacation for a few weeks. He is greatly missed . . . Phillip Sherlock made sergeant; we sure wish he could return to Warrants, but his talents are needed elsewhere. We will miss you, Phil, and hope to see you climb the ladder to success . . . Big John's boss, Edward Swanteck the 1st, is the proud grandfather of a 7 lb. 15 oz. grandson, Edward Swanteck, the III . . . Lt. T. Doyle is on furlough in Wisconsin somewhere . . . Lt. Marston is retiring 30 September and leaving 1 October for Florida to live. We sure will miss his smiling face around here.

-Carol Rossi

Traffic Area #2: Congratulations to John Jamicich and his wife on the birth of a fine, healthy daughter. They now have two sons

and two daughters, a well planned family . . . Jack Blakeslee has his arm out of the cast and is mighty glad it was only a six-foot ladder from which he plunged . . . Several of the boys are jealous of **Eddie LaCourse** being selected as our Dress Right candidate. What's this crack about rompers? . . . Sgt. Leo Weil stops in occasionally; he misses those home cooked meals and I believe he has lost a little weight . . . Lt. Ed. Burke is making up some CARE packages; anyone wishing to make a contribution of old clothing, just hang them in the sergeants' quarters on the rack. Met Gene Simale and John Skarupa and their wives out doing the town. Tom McGowan and his bride were also in the group. That's the way to do it boys; it makes a much happier home life . . . Sgt. John Orbon relinquished his golf championship title at the sergeants tournament. He didn't want the others to think the game was rigged so he played a little off his usual perfect score . . . Bud **DaVanon** almost became a victim of a tragedy when he attempted to save a small boy from drowning. We keep telling him he's not as young as he used to be and to use a little more caution. His large young family needs their daddy . . . Don't hire Ken Dvorak as your navigator. He started to fly to Florida and ended up in Atlantic City; better luck next time.

-Ptlmn. Joe Casey

Traffic Area #3: The personnel of Traffic Area #3 extend their condolences to Officer Bob O'Malley and family on the death of his brother . . . Welcome back! After a brief leave of absence and a change of venue, Ptlmn. Gerald (Olive) Venkus has returned to our Area . . . Congratulations to Sgt. Walter Boyle on being one of the winners of the golf tournament for the Sergeant's Association Golf Outing . . . As of this writing, Officer James Matual is patiently (but still nervously) awaiting for an arrival from the stork . . This reporter was ably assisted with this article for the last several months by Ptlmn. Arthur (Tiger) Cholly. If you have any news you would want placed, contact either officer ... Good fishing ... pleasant vacations!!!

-Ptlmn. Saul Kopel

Crossing Guards: Thisa and Thata From The Crossing Guard Strata. Our hats are off to: Miss Janet Liscarz, daughter of Crossing Guard Millie Liscarz, 12th District, who graduated from Mundelein College this June, for being awarded a Danforth Fellowship. Miss Liscarz attended Mundelein on a 4-year liberal arts scholarship. She is one of 27 women to win the Danforth Fellowship in a field of 1800 nationwide competitors. She plans to enter the University of Pennsylvania in September for her post-graduate work... Deaths: Crossing Guards and Department personnel extend their condolences to the family of former Crossing Guard Helen McAdams, 20th District,

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who passed away 31 May, and to the family of former Crossing Guard Luddia Winston, 7th District, who passed away 3 July. May their souls rest in peace . . . Resignations: Ozella Cooke, 3rd District, one of the Police Department's original Crossing Guards, resigned from the service. She will be missed . . . Prayers for recovery: Crossing Guards are praying for the complete recovery of Bella Sarna, 12th District, who underwent open-heart surgery, 1 July in St. Catherine's Hospital, East Chicago. Indiana . . . Injuries on Duty: Crossing Guards Nellie Dunn and Helen Michaelewicz, 20th District, were struck by careless motorists shortly before the end of the school term while safeguarding the lives of the children. Fortunately, neither guard was seriously in-"Special Events": The Chicago Crossing Guard Association is having a banquet on Saturday night, 2 October, at the Pick-Congress Hotel to commemorate their 10th Anniversary. The Mayor and our own Superintendent Wilson will be presented with an "Award of Distinction" on this auspicious occasion. Sgt. Dick Sheehy, 6th District, magician "par excellence," will help entertain the guests. Do you suppose he can make some of the problems we invariably encounter when dealing with these lovely damsels disappear? Department personnel interested in helping the gals celebrate can obtain additional info. about this affair by calling 764-2153.

-Ramona Shiffer

Bureau of Staff Services: In this column we sometimes report the transfer of new personnel into the Bureau. But this month we have a new division—Data Systems. A hearty welcome to Director Morron and his group. Your brain is our gain! (Awful?) . . . The talents of the families of our personnel are never more evident than at graduation time each year. The daughter of Ptlmn. Art Potocki of Training received a scholarship to the Art Institute upon graduating from Kelly High. The daughter of Marilyn Heramb of Identification was awarded the Scholarship Achievement and Science Award upon graduating from Fort Dearborn School . . . Another talent. non-scholastic, shortened the hospital stay of Ptlmn. Pat Donahue's (Recovered Property) 4-year-old boy. He pulled a fire alarm at St. Joseph's. And Ptlmn. Martin Ernst of Recovered Property shortened his stay in Las Vegas after his car was hit in the rear. Needless to say, the trip was not a financial success . . . Welcome to Sgt. John Grentzner, who was recently brought into Training after graduating from the Traffic Institute. And also to Holly Biskup . . . On the mend are Ptlmn. Leonard Broniarcyzk and Clerk Pat Daley of Graphic Arts . . . Congratulations to Ptlmn. Mike Costello of Recovered Property on his selection as the neatest officer in Staff Services.

-Steve Lloyd

**Bureau of Inspectional Services: Birth** felicitations for August: Deputy Joe Morris, Lts. Bob Arnow and Harold Niemann, Sgt. Baker and Det. Al Palmer. Another milestone. but many to come . . . Mike Zivalyevich reports a rather touching but gratifying Father's Day gift. Mike, a licensed pilot, has been flying down to Godfrey, III. to visit his son from time to time. The boy is 18 and unfortunately, retarded. On the occasion of the Father's Day visit, his son, who had not spoken a word in 18 years, unexpectedly uttered: "Daddy" and then embraced his Dad. Mike would circle the globe, if necessary, to hear this again. We understand and share his joy . . . Glad to learn that Lt. Charley Siedlecki has recovered from throat surgery . . The I.I.D. had a "cook-out" at Kedzie and Devon in June, at Thillen's Stadium. Although the weather was a bit cool, all had a good time. Planning another soon . . . Congrats to Clyde Hughes on making sergeant. Recognition was inevitable . . . Patricia-Jo Arnow, Lt. Arnow's daughter, who is enrolled at Interlochen, Michigan for several weeks of summer training, is working hard to distinguish herself at this fine, prestige music school . . . License Section held a small soiree at Ginny Lynn's Restaurant on the retirement of Ptlmn. John T. King; 150 well-wishers attended to give him bon voyage et bonne chance . . . Welcome to the fold to Lt. Madden and his group . . . Sgts. Gorski

and Sodini went a-fishin' recently. No luck except a few bottle bass . . . A rividerci; hasta mes proximo; au revoir, and "stuff."



-Art Curda

Communications Center: Your regular reporter, Sgt. Ed Haas, is on vacation for this issue and has delegated me to act in his absence. Ed is on a fishing trip in the land of "Sky Blue Waters" and we hope that he returns with enough fish stories to keep us satisfied until next year . . . Our Commander, Capt. William Miller, is also on vacation and has left our unit in the capable hands of Lt. Kenneth Kells. The Captain left with big plans for his golf clubs and some new paint brushes . . . We take this opportunity to convey the wishes of speedy recoveries to Joe August and Jim McDonnell. Both of these men recently underwent surgery and are home convalescing at the present. Our best wishes also to Mike Corriero and John Molnar, who are both on the medical roll . . . We also wish to congratulate Marge Baxter, who retired from the Department on 1 July. Marge served the Department faithfully for 36 years and at the time of retirement was assistant chief operator of our Administrative switchboard. Needless to say, Marge will be missed by her coworkers . . . John Krettler recently attended the National Convention and Seminar of the National Police Officers Assn. in New York

City and was elected National Membership Chairman. We are proud of John, who informs us that this organization has a membership of 182,000 . . . I am out of space, so will say so long for now.

-Sgt. John J. Stanley

1st District: We extend our heartiest congratulations to Ptlmn. Tony LoBue and wife on the birth of a baby boy, and to Ptlmn. Carmen Stampanato and wife on the birth of a baby boy. Also to Ptlmn, Leo Depcik and wife on the birth of a baby girl . . . A very nice letter was received by our District Commander from Mr. Clarence Carey, Director of Jones Commercial High School, commending the patrol activities of Officer George Jacobs, John Healy and Don Sweeney, around the high school . . . We were all saddened by the news of the death of Sgt. Ben Smith's grandson, Michael Reddington, on 30 June, and by the death of William Casey's father, John Casey, on 11 June. To both families we extend our deepest sympathy . . . We all join together in wishing Lt. Charles Pepp a speedy recovery from an injury suffered in an unusual accident: a spring attached to an overhead garage door broke and the door came crashing down on his foot, breaking four toes . . . Ptlmn. James Wilcox has been recommended as the outstanding representative in the "Dress Right Campaign" in the 1st District for the present period . . . We welcome Ptlmn. Verne Johnson back from medical roll. Verne decided it was fashionable to have an ulcer. Gastronomically yours.

-Ptlmn. George Thiese

2nd District: The latest in news galore: We congratulate Ptlmn. James May and Elias Davis on receiving Department Commendations for a courageous rescue of two elderly women in a burning building . . . Celebrity Ptlmn. Bill Gordan attended the National Police Association Convention in New York. Welcomed by the Mayor, dined at the U.N. and talked with the late Adlai Stevenson . . . We praise 2nd District Grossing Guard Louise Spence, whose excellent work made possible the presentation of the Chicago Motor Club's annual safety award to St. Elizabeth Parochial School . . . 2nd District recognizes Cadets Holton and Lewis for receiving their blue strips after completing 1 year with CPD and for good performances, past and present . . . Best wishes extended to Ptlmn. Brian Miller and Philip Hayes on their recent marriages. both to charming brides. Haves was honored with (dapper) Earl Smith as best man . . Our typist, Alexa Haddon, proudly revealed that Janice, her daughter, was the 1st girl to receive the C.Y.O. trophy for outstanding athletic achievement . . . Good luck to Sgt. Fowler and Earl Hisler, who were seen on the green at St. Andrews Country Club Golf Outing . . . Did you know our bowling team finished in 2nd place, said the team's Captain.

Tom Jones? Speaking of sports, below is a photo of the "Crushers," named after their



distinct C.O., managed and coached by **Sgt. Leon McMillian.** They are now tied for 1st place. Have good chance to win finals. With a power structure like that, how can they lose? Except for a little weight around the belt. Keep posted for more details and results in our next issue. Go, team, go.

-Ptlmn. Louis Shelley

3rd District: The summer season has started and the officers who drew the 7th period are off to various parts of the country, but we have one officer by the name of Dan Golden, who stated that he wasn't going any place but the local dance studios where he is going to learn all the modern dance steps. Happy twisting, Danny . . . Roy Scanlon, assigned to the 3rd District, retired after 30 years of service, and will spend his time traveling throughout the country . . . Our condolences to J. Hines on the death of his mother . . . Frank (Buck) Kohout captured an alligator with the assistance of several other cars. After placing the alligator in a cigar box he sent it in to the Animal Care Section. Good work, Frank . . . In our issue in May we left out the name of Officer W. Geipel as one of the officers who effected the arrest of 7 youths that cleared up a murder. Sorry . . . Typist Joyce Allen's sister, Floretta Brown, a senior at Prairie View A & M College in Texas, is visiting her for the summer . . . Sgt. R. Swanson and L. Gordon combined to make an arrest of two youths in the process of stealing autos. The arrest cleared up several other auto thefts . . . J. Iverson observed a suspect wanted in connection with an armed robbery who fitted the description. After interrogating the suspect and the victim making a positive identification at the show-up, Iverson had a good arrest and several clear-ups . . . J. Foster on a loan out to the 7th District came up with a fine arrest of a suspect selling liquor on Sundays before the prescribed hours. 10-4

-Ptlmn. Thomas J. Shannon

**Strict:** Our deepest sympathy to Narren Lindner on the recent loss of his nother . . . Sgt. Shields was transferred to the T.F.A. #1; also Officers V. Zielinski and

Woddy to T.F.A. #2. Our loss is their gain . . We wish to welcome in all the new men that were just out of Police Training School and assigned to the 4th District. Congratulations to Tim Coffey, whose son John graduated from Loyola University with high honors -cum laude, on Deans list for 4 years, and he also won the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Scholarship award. Stanford University will soon be welcoming him for his academic work towards his Masters degree . . . Bill Hardy, our Warrant Officer, is on furlough and taking his place is John ("wot hoppened") Cullen . . . Fred Hill, Ingram and Freitag are really cleaning up the District. Good pinches were also made by Tom Scott, who apprehended a stick-up man single handedly. Also Dave "DW" Laughlin, who caught a burglar . . John Ives finally got rid of his old auto and bought a new one. It seems someone called in and stated that they just saw an accident that was about to happen. John says you can't get cars like that no more . . . We welcome back Juanita ("apple pie") Royster after a recent absence. Well, that's all for now until next month.

-Ptlmn. Steve Schaefer

5th District: "Hello there." Welcome to the Club. My good friend and ex-partner, Officer Lavoren R. Blakely is convalescing at home after being involved in a stick-up while offduty 2 July. He was accosted by an unknown assailant at 91st and South Park, who robbed him of his money and service star and shot him in the back while he was lying face down on the front seat of his car. Officer Blakely was able to recover himself, and returned the fire, but the assailant made good his escape. Drop the old boy a line, or a card . . . Officer William Roman is also convalescing at home after his second heart attack. I'm sure his friends will be glad to know that he's doing fine. Sgt. William Fox is also convalescing at home after a minor operation at Veterans Research Hospital. A card is in order or a telephone call. **Sgt. William Feeley** is in Mercy Hospital, 26th Street and South Park, Room 217. Drop him a line or a card . . . The testimonial dinner that was given for Commander George Sims was a big success, everyone had a fine time . . . Officer William Parker, assistant secretary, is back from his annual furlough and is cracking the whipget those dispositions in.

-Ptlmn. Robert B. Peters

8th District: A fond farewell is being sent to Thomas O'Brien and Sgt. T. O'Connell from all members of this Command. Both have said "Adios" to the Police Department after many years of faithful service . . . John Pitak has just received his 27 year badge of being married to the same gal. Congratulations . . . Zalatoris was seen with a number of sleeping bags and tent. Looks like a camping trip was in order. Wish he were with me in Canada at the moment as the camping facilities are un-

excelled . . . Two of our crossing guards have reached the peacock stage—Noella Burke's son graduated from Loyola University. Heiber's daughter graduated from Rosary College. Speaking of graduates, this writer's daughter, Karen, graduated with top honors, being highest in her class for 4 years and received 3 scholarships towards her college career, where she will specialize in mathematics and science . . . Through transfers, this station lost John Sheehan, James Dolan and Trezek. Good luck at your new stations, men . . . We did receive a good man in Gleason. Happy to have you join us. The 36-32-36 measurements that are seen parading around the station is none other than Sgt. Town. You look good in that figure, Sergeant.

-Ptlmn. Joseph S. Erazmus

9th District: Farewells to a veteran: His retirement became official on 14 June, after completing 30 years and 8 months of dedicated police service. The first star he ever saw was in a rural farm yard at night in the county of Goodland, Indiana, where he was born in the year 1908. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Grove, also reared five other boys. At the age of 18 he came to Chicago. Here, he met Miss Marie Fonzen whom he later married. They became the proud parents of two lovely daughters, Janet and Rose Mary, who are now married and mothers, too, making our ex-police veteran a granddaddy. Charley, as he is affectionately known by his many friends, has a deep love for horses. This fondness eventually led him to seek employment with the Chicago Police Department as a hostler. His association with policemen and the type of work they were doing created a deep interest within him for this vocation. He decided to join the rank and file and was accepted-So to you Ptimn. Charles Grove, we, the men at the 9th, wish you health, wealth and happiness in this farewell.

-Ptlmn. F. J. Breen

11th District: On behalf of the men at 11, I wish to welcome our new District Commander George Sims . . . Ed Hanrahan's son, Edmund, and Laddie Vavrin's son, Dennis, entered the Marine Corps on 24 May and are stationed at Parris Island. The next time you guys write to your sons, say hello for us . . . In the past few months, 3 of our men from Fillmore have been seriously injured in auto accidents while on duty. They are Ozie Clark, Jack Sheahan and Dave Maziarka. I hope by the time this issue is received they are completely recovered and back to work . . . John Duffy, his wife, Marcella, and their three boys

spent their vacation in the Black Hills of South Dakota camping. A great way to travel and see the sights . . . That's all for this time, so until the next.



-Ptimn. Ralph E. Nolan
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13th District: The 13th District welcomes Capt. John Erickson, transferred from the 14th. We also welcome Ptlmn. Grana, Weinstein and Gruber : . . The 13th has entered 2 teams in the Police softball league. The "A" team members are the young blood and are headed by Sgt. Paul Jankowski. His leadership has really inspired the team to play great ball. The "B" team signed up all the old pros' that wanted to make a comeback this season. The team is headed by Sgt. Michaelson and Ptlmn. Cara . . . The two great "old" pros, Ptlmn. Grundy and Det. LaFonte, are recovering at home from major injuries received while making arrests; get well quick, boys . . . Congratulations to Officer Joe Pinter's daughter, Elizabeth. She just received a \$600 state scholarship. She will attend Loyola University this fall . . . Congratulations to Officer Dauby on the birth of his daughter, Jacqueline; mother and baby are doing fine. That makes #5 for Dauby . . . Yours truly also added one more to his family, little Mike Jr. Mother

doing great . . . Good luck to Elmer Warpinsky in his new home out west . . . Congratulations to Officer Eugene Rostkowski on the birth of his son, Gregory John.



-Ptlmn. Michael Coyne

14th District: Recently transferred from the 14th District were Ptlmn. Max Steele and Ptlmn. Robert King; both went to Area #6-Task Force, just in time for all the duty on the beaches. Sorry to see them leave but we want to wish them good luck in their new assignments. Just before he left, the men at 14 threw a bachelor's party for King, who is soon to be wed. Good time was had by all . . . Ptlmn. Albin Shimkus, in company of Ptlmn. Wallace Szadde, went fishing at Wisconsin Lake in Okee, Wisconsin, and brought all the fish back. When these two guys go fishing, there is no sense for anyone else to go as they fish'em dry . . . Ptlmn. Daniel **Rocco** is patiently waiting for the return of his partner, Ptlmn. John Hillinger, from his furlough on the farm. He is supposed to bring back a side of beef for him. The 14th District ball team, led by the Ron Santo of the league (Ptlmn. Ted Nadile), is going great guns, and although eliminated from first round competition, vow to steal the second half . . . The bulge in the rear pocket of Ptlmn. Thomas Spanos is nothing other than the payment book for the new car he is showing off. He had to keep up with Cadet Nyhan. Now they both can show off payment books . . . Sorry to hear about the accident Ptlmn. Edward (Great White Hunter) DeBaere had in lowa returning home from one of his safaris, but with his spunk you can be sure

he will be back in shape for the fall hunting season. Hurry and get well Ed, so I can report your hunting trips . . . That's all for now.

-Pltmn. Robert Wojtkiewicz

16th District: Our sincere sympathy to Ptlmn. Andrew Bach. John Byrne and John Riley on the loss of their mothers . . . Here's wishing a speeding recovery to Ptlmn. F. Petersen and P. Culhane, currently on the medical roll . . . "Curly" Mueller's wife presented him with another baby girl (No. 3). Welcome, little one. Curly is trying to keep up with Jamrock and Natter . . . Flo Warren went and done it-bought a lovely home out in the woods of Edgebrook. Why near a golf course, Flo? . . . Thanks to Bob Weisman, "Ma" Trumbull now serves meat loaf TWICE a week . . . Two of the most notorious criminals in Chicago were captured by T. Finnin, R. Rickert, H. Watz, J. Morgan, J. Lupo and R. McInerney. When we do something at 16 we bring out all the TV cameras. Job well done, fellas! . . . Our Lt. J. O'Grady says it is gout that is making him limp. Thought you had to be wealthy to acquire gout—how about it, Lieutenant? . . . R. Rooney sure looks good in his Florida tan. How come J. McGillis didn't get a tan? . . . For our finale; Wedding bells really rang out loud and lustily (we still can't believe it) for our "Not me. ever" boy, Lou Bruzzini. What a lovely bride Marge Mulvey made. No wonder he joined the "ranks." Our best to both of you from all of the 16th District.

-Ptlmn. Paul M. Petrowsky

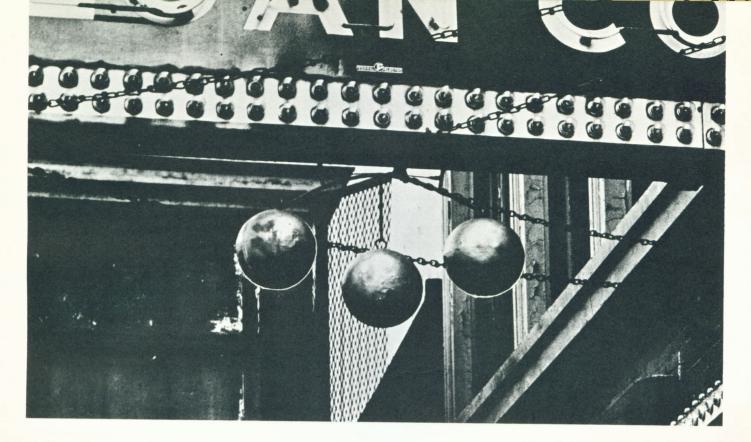
18th District: We were sorry to lose Jim Gartner to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. He will be an asset because of his experience as the bearded vice officer . . . Word reaches me that Jimmy Devine is losing his hair and also his touch in softball. They now call him Gramps in the circuit. He should get in touch with John Lucas, who is taking treatments to have his hair restored to its natural beauty. we hope . . . We are sorry we spelled Sid Kerbis' daughter's name wrong. It is Jordana. I hope Mrs. Specks isn't looking for me anymore . . . We were sorry to lose Cadet Jim (Karate) Maurer on a recent transfer order. He won't be able to practice on the personnel from the 18th District, anymore . . . John Klassen, Jr. is home on furlough visiting his parents and is going to Okinawa for his next tour of duty . . . Everyone is wondering how Cadet Bill Stark got his little finger broken. Could it be that Al Witt caught him borrowing Al's cookies? . . . Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leveck, who became proud parents on Fathers' Day with the birth of Patrick John, who weighed 6 pounds . . . We offer our condolences to Sgt. Al Lazar on the loss of his father . . . Joe Cunningham retired and is enjoying his pension . . . Sgt. Bill Simpson is very satisfied the way his vice men kept crime down while he was on furlough . . . They tell me Bill Hodges will be in charge of Vernell Cunningen and Preston Hundley because of his college degree and the way he handles the paper work . . . Sixth Area Youth Officers Richard Parker and Marion Wrobel are doing outstanding work at North Avenue Beach . . . That's all. The Lithuanian Eagle.

-Ptlmn. John R. Daciolas

19th District: Lt. Bernacchi is at home recuperating; said he fells good. Hope to see you back soon . . . Sgts. Moline and Buettgen are detailed to the Task Force for the summer . . . Sgt. "Doc" McDermott is back on the desk after starring in the television series. Good job well done . . . Pat "Casey" McKenna is managing our softball team and states that things are going to get better. Better set up a curfew hour, and training table, Pat . . . Was surprised to find out that the serum wore off and Earl Rieck failed to get a booster: what happened, Earl? . . . Welcome aboard to Sgts. Breen and Schofield; hope your stay is a long and pleasant one . . . As of this writing, Ptlmn. Schaeffer and Halversen are in the hospital as a result of a stolen auto crashing into them. Hope to see them back soon . . . As usual, 19th is doing its usual fine work and all members are to be complimented for this record . . . Sorry to see Mada Bassett leave but you know the stork comes first. Good luck, Mada . . . Harry "The Hipp" Hippenmeyer is up in Canada fishing and promised to bring a big fish fry. Hope it isn't like the one on his 20 years' celebration.

-Ptlmn. Harry Moore

21st District: I am sorry that there was no article in the Star last month; however, I was on furlough, and I was actively preparing for the new arrival. My wife, Sandra, gave birth to an 8 lb, 12 oz. boy, Erik John, on 4 June. Erik John and the wife really kept me active. Some vacation! . . . The members of the 21st District welcome Lt. J. Watson to this command; however, Lt. E. Taylor was transferred again-to 7th he went . . . Sgt. Archie Reed is elated over the marriage of his son, Lt. Phillip Reed, U.S.A.F., to the lovely Patricia Pump, formerly of Des Plaines, Illinois. Sergeant, we at the 21st wish to extend our congratulations to you, your family, and to the bride and groom . . . Leo Mc-Mahon has been expressing his grief in that no one seems to believe he shot 99.2 at the pistol range or that he scored a 74 in 18 holes of golf. Well, Leo, I believe, you and I feel others do too. Besides, you do carry that .38 cal. size pencil with you at all times, and golf stories can become as wild as those fish stories too . . . The members of the 21st District extend their belated condolences to Ptimn. Harold Martin on the death of his mother, Bessie Martin; and to Ptlmn. James Burke on the death of his young son, Dimitri Burke. May god bless them both and watch over them, Harold and Jim . . . Until next month. —Ptlmn. John J. Burian, Jr. ★



## "TO CATCH A THIEF"...

N 15 APRIL 1963, a jewelry salesman had his chauffeur park his car and wait while he went inside a restaurant to eat. In the trunk of the car were 10 cases of jewelry, worth \$100,000. As a precaution, the salesman double-locked the ignition and dropped the key in his pocket.

The precaution turned out to be useless. The chauffeur "jumped" the ignition and drove away with the jewelry.

Ten days later, States Attorneys' police arrested five men, including the chauffeur, who had been involved in the theft. But still missing was a sixth member of the gang, and a large quantity of the jewelry.

The eventual recovery of the missing jewelry and the arrest and conviction of another man not known to have been involved came about through the sleuthing of detectives assigned as Area Pawn Shop investigators in the Detective Division's Burglary section, commanded by Commander William B. Griffin.

THE QUIET, DAY-BY-DAY sleuthing of the Pawn Shop investigators isn't usually so dramatic. But, says Detective Kucic, who is now the Liaison Officer,

it's never dull. Kucic, a veteran police officer of 24 years, and a Pawn Shop investigator for 5, talks about his work with enthusiasm. "I find this work interesting and intriguing. The work gets you; you get a lead on something and you want to keep going and going until you get it solved."

Every day Detective Kucic sits down and reviews about 100 pawn shops sheets. Most of these sheets are from Chicago's 49 pawn shops. The rest are from secondhand stores, camera stores, jewelers and re-sale shops, who also send in reports, even though they're not required by law to do so.

"It's a way of protecting themselves in case they're ever found in possession of stolen property," says Kucic.

As he goes over these sheets, he circles anything that looks suspicious.

What makes Detective Kucic suspicious about an article that was pawned? "Sometimes, as in the jewel theft case, it's a name that begins reappearing on different pawn shop sheets, often the person pawning the same type of item. I'm also suspicious of any office machines; why is someone pawning an (continued on next page)

the quiet day-by-day sleuthing of the Pawn Shop investigators turns up not only thieves. but robbers, burglars, murderers\_\_\_ as well as thousands of dollars of stolen property



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adding machine, for example? Mink coats or any other expensive furs are always suspected. If a person can afford them, they usually don't have to pawn them.

"Sometime it's intuition—maybe experience—but something makes you say, 'That's got to be wrong.'"

POR EVERY ITEM Kucic has circled as suspicious, a clerk makes up a "suspect" card. This card is immediately checked against Kucic's "alpha" file to see if there is any previous suspect card on the person. As in the jewel theft case, a pattern may begin to develop that aids detectives in solving a crime. The suspect cards are sent to the respective areas for Pawn Shop detectives' investigation.

"Steal" cards are made up in Recording and Transcribing on all "identifiable items" from case and supplementary reports that are submitted and are filed in the Lost Property section of Record Inquiry. These steal cards are filed by serial number for any machines, radios, televisions, cameras, etc. There are separate files for watches and bicyles, and a miscellaneous file for items valued over \$500.

If the description of an item on a pawn card matches that on a steal card, a tracer report is made out. This is sent to the area in which the pawn shop is located, and the Area Pawn Shop detective investigates.

GAIN AND AGAIN in talking about A tracing stolen property, Detective Kucic used the words, "identifiable item." An item must be identifiable to positively determine whether or not it is the particular one stolen. When an officer investigates a case where anything is taken, he must get as much descriptive information as possible. Only a serial number on any kind of office machine, for example, can positively identify an item as the one which was stolen. On jewelry, officers should find out the type, number, size and cut of stones, the type of metal used, or whether there were any inscriptions. On furs, any labels or monograms may help identification.

Commander Griffin suggests that in all cases where detectives investigating burglaries, thefts, etc., find serial numbers on stolen items which had not been originally reported on the case report, they immediately submit a progress supplementary report listing all the items with the serial numbers, so that these numbers can be placed in the lost property files immediately. He also suggests that any time any police officer recovers any identifiable property, possibly through raids or from prisoners, and the owner is unknown, that an immediate check be made to Lost Property records on PAX 417 to determine if a steal card is on file.

PAWN SHOPS ARE REQUIRED by law to submit daily reports to the Police

Department, listing every item pawned or sold, a detailed description of it, serial number (whenever possible), and the name, address and age of the person pawning or selling (the pawn shops request identification.)

These reports go to the Pawn Shop Records where they are reviewed by a Liaison Officer from the Burglary section. Three female clerks in this section make up "pawn" cards of identifiable items obtained from these sheets, which are filed in the Lost Property files.

The jewel theft clear-up is a dramatic example of the reason for these reports and the need for Pawn Shop investigators.

Two weeks after the jewel theft, Detective Michael Clancy, then the Pawn Shop Liaison Officer (now a sergeant), was reviewing these sheets when he noticed that the name of James Henry\* began appearing on the pawn sheets; each time the man was pawning wedding and engagment rings at various pawn shops, and every address he gave was different.

Detective Clancy circled the suspicious items. The sheets then went to one of the clerks, who wrote up a "suspect" card for each circled item.

These "suspect" cards were sent to Detective Edward J. Kucic and Thomas Egan, D.D.A. #1—Burglary, for investigation. On checking each item at the respective pawn shops, it was found that the pawned jewelry was similar in description to the items taken from the jewelry salesman's car.

Kucic and Egan also found that all the addresses given were fictitious. A check of the records section disclosed that a James Henry had been arrested in 1955 and sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary. His photo was obtained, but a canvass of the pawn shops with the photo disclosed he was *not* the man pawning the jewelry.

It was also found that a Bruce Henry\* had been arrested in 1962, and close check of the pawn shop sheets revealed that a Bruce Henry had recently pawned a tape recorder and camera on the near north side.

Det. Kucic reaches for a sheaf of pawn shop sheets.

The detectives found Bruce, and it was learned that James Henry, the man who allegedly was pawning the jewelry, was a brother of Bruce's. Bruce said his brother was in Kentucky, and he also disclosed that his brother had lost his wallet and identification cards about six weeks ago.

Pictures of the five men arrested and the one still sought, a Nicholas Farina,\* were shown to Henry. He pointed to Farina's picture and said, "That's Joe Vendetta; he served time with my brother."

Back to headquarters the detectives went to get a picture of Vendetta, who was a known narcotic addict. It turned out that Farina strongly resembled Vendetta.

Henry's mistaken identification turned out to be a break in the case, however.

VENDETTA'S PHOTO was shown around the pawn shops, and 10 pawn brokers positively identified him as the man pawning the jewelry.

The detectives, accompanied by Det. M. Rogers, located Vendetta's apartment, and as they entered the vestibule, Vendetta was starting down the stairs. He saw the detectives and turned and fled back up.

Kucic and Rogers ran around to the back; Kucic saw a second story window raised, and a pouch thrown out. He vaulted over a wall and picked it up. It was full of jewelry. Vendetta locked himself in his room, but he had no back escape and finally let the detectives in.

He confessed that he had thrown the jewelry out, that Farina had left it with him for safekeeping but had not yet returned for it. He also said he began pawning the jewelry to get money for narcotics.

Vendetta was sentenced to prison, and Farina was subsequently caught and also sentenced to prison. Of the other five men involved, three were sentenced to prison and two were given three years' probation.







Pawn Shop Detective Nick Rossi, Burglary, Area 4, checks serial number on a typewriter.

Area detectives assigned as Pawn Shop investigators, they perform a big and necessary job. Detective Kucic says that it is impossible to estimate how many clear-ups were made by these men or through their cooperation with other units. But last year their work resulted in recoveries of stolen goods worth \$97,918.51.

That's a record not to be "pawned off" lightly.

<sup>\*</sup>Actual name has been changed.

## " a master in his field . . . "

# TIS RATHEL

"High school's as far as I got," the artist said with a half-smile. "Anyway, most students are taught—few learn. Experience is the important thing."

When he was still a student at Chicago's DuSable High School, Rathel one day picked up a magazine article—"one of those 007 thriller stories"—which told how the French police used an artist to reconstruct the face of a suspect.

"Ever since then I wanted to be a police artist." Twenty-six years later, he was.

After high school, Rathel went to work in a drugstore as an apprentice pharmacist, then as an artist for an advertising agency, became a waiter on a train—"the Oakland to L.A. run"—and finally worked for Warner Brothers in California designing theater fronts.

And then came the war and Rathel went to Europe—Sicily, Italy, North Africa, France, Germany—"the whole works," as he described it.

After the war, it was back to Chicago and the drugstore, then to an ad agency, and at last to the Police Department in September of 1956.

"I joined the force mainly to become a police artist," he explained.

Even during his subsequent assignments to the Traffic, Task Force and Narcotics divisions, Rathel was constantly drawing. In his nine years as a police officer, he has designed posters, booklets, brochures, maps and even Christmas cards for the Department.

"Any scars? Was the man wearing jewelry, rings, a watch?"

"I think he had a scar on his right hand... yeah, on his gun hand. And he had a watch on his right."

"He was left-handed then, because he took the money with his left hand but wore a watch on his right."

A good case for conviction can be constructed if an artist's sketch is backed up with a description of identifiable marks and character traits. This is one of the reasons why Rathel's office is partially divided from the rest of the Graphic Arts section by file cabinets. The victim—especially in the case of a woman—is more apt to remember and discuss details in private.

"The suspect can have an airtight alibi—his wife and grandmother can testify that he was in Oshkosh at the time the crime was committed—but if we have a sketch plus a description of clothing or physical characteristics, we have a good case," the artist said.

"How about his eyes? Are they big enough?"

"Can you round them off a little? That's right . . . that's right. His eyes I'll never forget—when he grabbed me, his eyes went 'wooshhh.' If he was trying to scare me, he sure did a good job."

Police artist Otis M. Rathel has learned to be a good listener. His job is to sketch suspects' faces from the descriptions given by victims or witnesses, and it calls for psychology as well as drawing talent.

"You have to determine a person's temperament and get him to talk," explained Officer Rathel.

The particular witness quoted above had just seen his place of business robbed for the sixth time and he was mad. It took Rathel 20 minutes to calm the man down by his quiet questioning.

"Was his face indented like this or was it his bone structure?"

"Well, the guy had real high cheekbones."

Rathel is an expert in facial and physical structure although he has had no formal training in the field.

"And he talked out of the side of his mouth . . . with his lips real tight."

"Yes, the way he talks can definitely mean he was an ex-con. They have periods of 'no-talk,' and they get used to speaking with their mouths closed."

"And he was agile . . . fast."

"Sounds like he could have been a prizefighter."

"Yeah, he could have been. He had a set of shoulders on him like a fighter, and big hands...huge hands."

During sketching sessions, the eraser in the artist's left hand is used as much as the pencil in his right. Ears are shortened, lips narrowed, noses broadened.

"Did he have lines on his forehead?"
"I'm not sure . . . I just can't remember."

"Then we won't draw it in. I don't want to put anything in that you didn't see."

Accuracy is very important. Rathel prefers to discard a sketch if he feels it to be inaccurate—many witnesses cannot remember clearly enough.

And the artist remembers several occasions when the witness purposely gave an inaccurate description. One man in particular spent over an hour in a sketching session, but by the time the interrogation had ended, it was obvious to Rathel that the man was not telling the truth.

"His description was that of a primate," said Rathel.

"You can tell about a person by what he says. I remember coming home and asking my daughter how many cookies she had eaten from the cookie jar and she'd say 'Daddy, how did you know? You've been at work!' . . . she incriminated herself."

Rathel is married and has two daughters, 17 and 18, and two extension phones. He also has a studio in his home where he works if and when he finds the time. Portraits are his specialty. At various times, he has sketched members of the Department.

The police artist has also completed the first of a unique series of line drawings on bullfighting. He has drawn the bone structure and action lines of his figures with white ink or crayon over a black background and then outlined the subject with a thick, white line. He plans to do a second series on musicians and when completed, the entire set will be silkscreened.



His sketches and photos of the criminals.





Rathel is also in the process of studying the imbalance of facial features. The officer has already split several negatives of faces and succeeded in creating entirely new faces by reconnecting two right or two left sides of the head.

"The results could be useful to myself, to art students and possibly helpful in determining national origins by photographs," he explained.

"How old would you say the robber was?"

"About 30 or 35."

"What would you guess my age to be?"

"But you have grey hair already."

"I've been grey since I was 17."

"Well, about 40 . . . 42, 43."

"43 on the nose."

And then the sketch was finished. Rathel propped up the drawing pad on a file cabinet a few feet away. "That's him. That's your man!"

"That's a face I've seen before too," Rathel said quietly. "The more I drew, the more I knew I'd seen him somewhere before. Doesn't he look familiar, Sarge?"

The artist turned to the sergeant who had accompanied the witness.

"Yep, I've seen that dog before."

"It'll be in the *Daily Bulletin* tomorrow. Let's hope one of the district men recognizes him."

"Good-by and thanks. I hope that sketch I described will help."

"It will, it will. Good-by."

A few minutes later, another head appeared around the corner of the file cabinet. A plain white piece of paper and a pencil were dropped on top of Rathel's metal desk.

"Hey Otis? Would you take a minute to draw a picture of a cake with one candle? It's Charlie's birthday."







#### **DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS**



On 26 June 1964, an elderly woman was induced to pay a man posing as a Federal Internal Revenue Agent \$6,961.20 for back taxes her recently-de-

ceased husband supposedly owed. Later she called her attorney who notified police. Detective Walter Quinlan, ★5389, Detective Division, General Assignment-Area #5, was assigned to investigate. After three months of work, Quinlan narrowed the suspects to two men, who were in custody in Omaha, Neb. Although he learned this information just before beginning his furlough. Ouinlan traveled many miles out of his way to question the suspects. Sure that one of the men was the offender, Quinlan induced the man to complete Department handwriting standards. He also obtained photographs of him. Specimens of handwriting were positively identified by the Crime Lab as that of the suspect's and the photograph was identified by the victim. When confronted with this evidence, the suspect admitted his part in the fraud and named his former employer, a heating company owner, as the instigator of the fraud. The Federal Grand Jury returned felony indictments against the two men. The first offender was charged with impersonating a Federal Internal Revenue Agent; the other with conspiracy and aiding and abetting the first man.



On 6 March, Officer Raymond Howard, \$\pm\$11024, 18th District, patrolling in a one-man beat car, saw a man in an alley being viciously beaten by two men.

As Howard approached, the men fled in different directions. The officer chased one and had just about caught up with him when the man suddenly disappeared. Though hampered by almost total darkness, the officer made a thorough search of the area and found the offender hiding behind some garbage cans. Howard arrested the man. The proceeds of the robbery, \$42, were found on him. He was found guilty and sentenced to one year in prison.



On 5 February, Sergeant Raymond O'Malley, \$\pm\$1574, 14th District, heard a radio call of a holdup and immediately went toward the location. Subse-

quent information was relayed that it was robbery in progress and a man shot, and shortly after, that a red and white Pontiac containing two men had left the scene and the direction in which it had gone was given. When he received this last message, O'Malley turned off all emergency lights and watched for a car answering this description. When he saw a red and white car with two men in it, he curbed the car. One man got out and asked why he was stopped. Informed of the robbery, the man denied any knowledge of it and turned to leave. The sergeant asked for his driver's license. When he checked the person in the car, and saw blood on his face and head, Sergeant O'Malley informed both men they were under arrest and radioed for assistance. The bleeding man bolted; the officer pursued, but the other man impeded him. O'Malley put this man in custody. Later, the second offender was apprehended and identified as the first man's accomplice in the robbery. The two men were also suspected of five other robberies.





On 2, 8 and 10 April, Officers Serges Joseph, ★11383, and Rudolph Jakobs, ★10577, 20th District, were responsible for the arrest of five hold-up men in a high-crime area. The area had had numerous complaints of strong-arm robberies, purse snatchings and aggravated batteries. Officer Joseph, acting as decoy, was saved from serious injury because of the swift and effective action by his cover man, Officer Jakobs. The five arrestees were charged with strong-arm or attempted strong-arm robbery. All the weapons used in the attacks were recovered, including an eleven-inch knife.



On 5 February, Officer Benjamin Troupe, 

\$\pm\$9904, 2nd District, and his partner were on patrol when a man stopped them and told them that smoke was

billowing from the second floor of a building. Accompanied by the man, the officers drove to the building. While his partner notified the Communications Center, Troupe ran up to the second floor of the smoke-filled building. There he rescued four children ranging in age from two to five years.



On 21 March, Officer Roosevelt Robinson, \*\( \pm 8017 \), Task Force—

Area #1, was driving north while off duty when he saw a south-bound cab with a

driver and two male passengers. The vehicle was being driven erratically, so Officer Robinson followed it. After a few blocks, the cab stopped. The officer saw the driver, shoes in hand, begin walking north and the two passengers walk west. Identifying himself as a police officer, he tried to overtake the suspects, but both began running. He then fired two warning shots in the air and one of the men fell to the ground. With the aid of another beat car, the prisoner was taken to a district station and identified by the cab driver as one of the men who robbed him. The other offender was later apprehended by detectives and both arrestees were charged with armed robbery and aggravated kidnapping.



On 8 March, Officer Raymond Coldebella, ★6095, 13th District, while patrolling his beat, heard a broadcast of an armed robbery of a gas station. He requested

and was granted permission to move into that area. Soon after, Officer Coldebella saw a car whose driver disregarded an amber traffic light. He followed and curbed the car and then recognized it as the one used in the robbery. Although the robbery victim could not identify the driver, he did make positive identification of the car. Further questioning disclosed that two of the suspects' friends had used the car. The two were arrested and the money taken was recovered.

#### Sharp Shooting!—

Officer Joseph Celovsky, Firearms Identification, Crime Lab, won a position on the 1965 Illinois State Pistol Team, and thus became the first member of the Department to represent Illinois at the national pistol matches held each year. Last year, the state team won the national championship. Officer Celovsky competed with the team at Camp Perry, Ohio, from July 30 to August 7.

#### **Position Open-**

CHIEF OF POLICE: Wilmette, pop. 32,000, will accept applications for Chief of Police until 1 Sept. A career position, requiring person motivated by desire to contribute to community and to further professional future. Write Village Manager, P.O. Box 267, Wilmette, Ill., for details and application forms. Minimum requirements: 5 years experience in supervisory capacity in rank of sergeant or above in municipal, federal or other governmental police work; age over 25 years; high school education plus supplemental training in police science; good physical condition.

#### Want Ads-

This want ad column is offered as a free service to Department members only, designed for those who wish to buy or sell personal property. Ads may not be used to further business enterprises of any kind. The contributor accepts full responsibility for all statements in the ad.

Ads may be submitted on a Want Ad form (ask your District reporter) or on blank paper through Department mail, to: Want Ads, Chicago Police Star, Room 403, Headquarters. They should be 30 words or less. Ads received by the 5th of the month will appear in the following month's edition of the Star.

TRAIN FOR SALE: American Flyer train set, 3/16'' scale, 17 pieces; include 190 watt twin control transformer. Also 26 pieces of track. Call SP 5-2177.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Frame residence 8810 S. Lowe Avenue, 3 rooms upstairs with bath, kitchen, and powder room; finished basement, full bath and powder room. All new plumbing, 2 car garage, overhead doors. RA 3-8057.

UNIFORM FOR SALE: Reefer, blouse, size 44; 2 pairs of pants, size 44, 3 summer and 3 winter shirts, size  $16\frac{1}{2}$ , \$35. 1 summer and 1 winter hat, size  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . Phone 338-1432.

HOUSE FOR SALE: In-law type, 5 rms. down, 4 rms. up. 3 car garage, finished basement, oil heat. Vicinity 79th & Stony Island, near schools, shopping, transportation. Low \$20s. SO 8-5731.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3-bdrm., 5-rm. brick, Bogan area side drive, 2-car garage, comb. storms and screens. Very clean—low \$20's. Call Marie Fallon, 585-4236, after 6 p.m.

UNIFORM FOR SALE: 1 winter reefer and 1 summer blouse, very good cond., size 44-46. 2 pr. pants, fair cond., size 42. 8 winter shirts, 4 good, 4 fair, size 17-34. 2 hats, one winter, one summer, size 7%. Reasonable. Call AM 2-0191.

#### MEMORIAL ROLL FOR JUNE

		rears of	Date of
Name	Unit	Service	Death
Sgt. Thomas Burns	Detached Services	17 6	June '65
Sgt. Henry Glennon	3rd District	9 1	June '65
Ptlmn. Eugene Meyer	Crime Laboratory	26 5	June '65
Ptlmn. Denzel Watkins	Auto Maintenance	2024	June '65

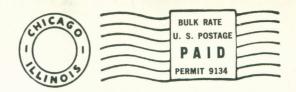
#### JUNE RETIREMENTS

	Years of
Unit	Service
Disability Pension Roll	26
Detective Division Area #3	21
12th District	31
m18th District	25
Youth Division Area #5	24
Disability Pension Roll	20
Disability Pension Roll	26
9th District	33
9th District	27
19th District	25
Vice Control Division	32
19th District	23
Leave of Absence	21
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Task Force/Detached Service	s 21
Field Services	
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SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION

#### **Theater Party**

We have arranged for a Police Family Night, Sunday, 29 August, for a special presentation of the movie, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," being shown at the McVickers Theater. Tickets for this performance for police personnel and their families are \$1.50 each (instead of the usual \$2.25-\$3.75). All seats will be reserved and sold on a first-come first-served basis. Use the accompanying coupon for ordering your tickets.

#### Travel Club

In response to many inquiries, we are attempting to establish a Chicago Police Intra-Departmental Travel Club. Members of the club will have available to them both foreign and domestic tours. Plans are for the club to meet regularly and select places to go and places to see, both here in the United States and abroad. Members and their families who are interested in forming this new "Travel Club" are urged to contact us as soon as possible so plans can be made for 1966 and 1967.

#### Women's Volleyball

Two teams made up of Department damsels are representing us in the Grant Park Recreation Association's

Women's Volleyball Tournament, held in Grant Park each Wednesday through the month of July. Team #1 is holding a .500 average, having won three and lost three. Team # 2 is holding a .667 average, having won four and lost two. Both teams still have an opportunity to represent their brackets in the Championship Tournament in August (Last year our gals took first place).

#### **Intra-Departmental Pistol Matches**

Due to the reconditioning of the Range and the start of the new shooting schedule, we're aiming for a September target date.

#### Intra-Departmental Softball League

A dozen pencils and a ream of paper later and still we're re-scheduling to make up for our regularly-scheduled Tuesday rain dates. However, we do have some results. In the South Section, the 7th and 2nd Districts are tied in the 1st round with 4 wins and 1 loss, while in the West the 12th District and 13th District (A) teams are trying to break a 3-1 tie. Both teams have games left in the round as a result of rain. In the Central Section, the 9th District has a one-game edge while in the North, 14 and 20 hold onto a 4-1 standing and it looks like a play-off building there too. -Sgt. Clarence Erickson

TO: Sgt. C. Erickson, Personnel Division Chicago Police Department 1121 S. State, Chicago 3

Sgt. C. Erickson, Special Services or Personnel Division DEPARTMENT MAIL

We wish to order Greatest Story Ever Told,"		special family	showing	of "T	'n
Send tickets (via mail to:					

(This request must be accompanied by a check or money order made out to the McVickers Theatre. No cash will be accepted.)